GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD – Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, A.P., Hyderabad and now retired - Allegations of irregularities in award of price adjustment on material / pipes procured etc in the CPWS works taken up by RWS&S Department in Kurnool district – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with Rule9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Article of charges – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 32 Dated: 13 .01.2015 Read:

G.O.Ms.No. 3, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, dated:13 -01-2015.

ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded in the reference read above, under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980, for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and now retired, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and now retired, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

- 2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-II and Annexure-III.
- 3. Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and now retired is directed to submit within (10) days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.
- 4. Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and now retired is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of article of those charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.
- 5. Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and now retired is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the period

specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

- 6. B.Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and now retired is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and now retired is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.
- 7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri B.Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad and now retired through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Hyderabad (in duplicate with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledgement copy).

Copy to:

The General Administration(V&E) Dept (w.r.t.Vigilance Report No.64(498/V&E/E2/2010-kurnool), dt. 11.04.2014).

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, Hyderabad.

The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department. SF/SC.

// FORWARDED : BY: ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.RAJESWARA RAO, THE THEN ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, RWS&S , A.P., HYDERABAD AND NOW RETIRED

CHARGE:-

That Sri B. Rajeswara Rao, the then Engineer-i-Chief, RWS&S, A.P., Hyderabad and now retired, though not empowered, delegated powers to his subordinate offices without seeking approval of Government for payment of price adjustment benefitting contractors and causing loss of Rs.3,14,19,930/- to the Government exchequer in six works in Kurnool district. Basis:-

The General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department have verified the following seven (7) RWS projects taken up during 2008-09 and 2009-10 by RWS&S Department in Kurnool district, with a special focus on price adjustment and corresponding amounts paid to the agencies:-

i) Year 2008-09:

- 1) Provide drinking facilities in kowthalam, Atmakur (Erragudur), Dhone and Alur area in kurnool District (Package work) for Rs. 3765.00 lakhs.
 - a. Providing CPWS Scheme to Kowtalam & other habitation (completed)
 - b. Providing pipes line to CPWS Scheme yerragudur from VBR. (progress)
 - c. Providing CPWS scheme to Krishnagiri & other habitation Phase I, II (Progress)
 - d. Providing CPWS Schems to Aspari & other habitation Phase I, II , III (Progress).
- 2) Providing CPWS scheme to Bugganapali & two other habitations for Rs.112.52 Lakhs (Not taken up)
- 3) Providing Extension of CPWs scheme Gargeyapuram to 9 additional habitation for Rs. 240.00lakhs (Completed).
- 4) Providing CPWS scheme to Nandikotkur & other habitations for Rs.1195.00 lakhs (Progress)
- 5) Providing CPWS scheme toKuppagal & other habitation for Rs 460.00 lakhs (Completed)

ii) Year 2009-10

- 6. Providing CPWS schemes to Owk & Kolimgundla other habitations phase III for Rs. 1350.00 Lakhs (Completed)
- 7. Providing CPWS scheme to krishnagari & other habitation Phase III for Rs.1350.00 Lakhs (Progress)

After verification, the General (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department have furnished the following findings:-

- 1. The SE had violated the conditions stipulated in the Agreement and also the G.Os in force, while approving the detailed calculations for price adjustment payments instead of obtaining approval from the ENC as per norms.
- 2. The then ENC, RWS&S department had delegated the powers to concerned SE for according approvals of price adjustments, though he is not competent.
- 3. The V&E department calculated the price adjustments in the above seven works with reference to the GOs and Agreement conditions in force and as on the date of V&E Dept. inspection, the recoveries to be effected are as follows:-

S.No	Name of the	Price Adjustments			Other	Total
	section	Eligible amount of Price variation as calculated by V&E(Rs.)	Already allowed by RWS& S dept.(Rs)	Amount to be recovered (RS)	recover	Recovery in Rs.
1.(a)	CPWSS to kowthalam	43060.19	50174.67	-7114.48	0	-7114.48
1.(b)	CPWSS to Aspari	-601613.83	595632	-1197245.83	0	- 1197245. 83
2	CPWSS to Gargapuram	520462.84	1476203	-955740.16	- 260177	-1215917
3	CPWSS to Nandikotkur	- 1857586.13	- 1372696. 56	-484889.57	0	- 484889.5 7
4	CPWSS to kuppagal	598173.48	603197	-5023.52	0	-5023.52
5	CPWSS to Kolimigundla	- 9695178.53	- 1626849. 53	-8068329	0	-8068329
6	CPWSS to Krishnagiri- iii	- 10018297.7 6	- 1626592. 29	-8391705.47	0	- 8391705. 47
1(c)	CPWSS to Krishnagiri -I & ii	- 8507799.17	80864	-8588663.17	0	- 8588663. 17
1 (b)	CPWSS to	-	0	-3461041.76	0	-

Erraguduru	3461041.76			3461041. 76
		- 12049704.93	0	- 12049704 .9
		3,11,59,752. 96		- 3,14,19,9 30

From this is evident that, he has shown gross negligence towards his legitimate duties and caused loss to Government exchequer, violating Rule (3) of APCS (CC&A) Rues, 1964.

Hence the charge.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.RAJESWARA RAO, THE THEN ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, RWS&S AND NOW RETIRED ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

From the G.A.(V&E) Dept, Vigilance Report No.64 (498/V&E/E2/2010 Kurnool), dt.11.04.2014.

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI B.RAJESWARA RAO, THE THEN ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, RWS&S AND NOW RETIRED ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- Nil -

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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